

Official Opening

of the

Pioneer Lodge

Assiniboia, Saskatchewan

Friday, June 27, 1958

Dedicated to the memory of
the pioneers of
South Central Sask.

You were the early builders,
You passed along this way.
You laid the firm foundation,
That we enjoy today.

You were the real builders,
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For future generations,
To enjoy and pass along.

VALERIAN D. TRIFAN
Bishop of the Romanian
Orthodox Episcopate of
the United States and



On the occasion of the dedication of the Romanian Orthodox Church, "The Descent of the Holy Ghost," in Assiniboia, we had the wonderful opportunity to enjoy visiting the city of Assiniboia.

What we could see in our short stay convinced us that every corner of Assiniboia is on the march of progress.

Canadians of different national backgrounds and appertaining to the different religious deonominations are working together to build a beautiful, modern city. But from all things we had seen, we shall long remember the "Pioneer Lodge," which is without any doubt a model of thoughtfulness and heartfelt care for the pioneers.

The general arrangements, the administration, landscaping and grounds all contribute to a perfect home for those who gave in their youthful years their contribution to building a wonderful country.

May God bless the leadership and citizenry of Assiniboia for such a fine realization.

VALERIAN D. TRIFA,
Bishop of the Romanian
Orthodox Episcopate of
the United States and
Canada



On the occasion of the official opening of the Assiniboia Pioneer Lodge, it gives me much pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to all those who have worked together to make this project a reality.

The Lodge is an outstanding example of what can be accomplished when individuals and different levels of government co-operate on behalf of the good of the community. While providing much needed accommodation, the Lodge itself will also contribute to the sense of civic pride of the Town of Assiniboia.

May I also extend to the new occupants of the Lodge my warmest good wishes for many happy and contented years in their new homes.

JOHN G. DIEFENBAKER,
Prime Minister.

Ottawa,
1958



May I extend to the people of Assiniboia and district my heartiest congratulations on the successful completion of Assiniboia Pioneer Lodge.

This project will provide a place of comfort and companionship for many of our early pioneers. These are the people who suffered hardship and privation in order to build this country and it is only fitting that we should make adequate provision for them.

The real measure of a community is its concern for the aged and the unfortunate. The people of the Assiniboia area have shown that they are alive to their responsibility by the construction of this fine housing accommodation for their senior citizens. It will long stand as a monument to the thoughtfulness and generosity of the citizens of this community.

T. C. DOUGLAS,
Premier of Saskatchewan

The Birth of a Community

In compiling some thoughts relative to the official opening of the Pioneer Lodge in the town of Assiniboia, it might be well if we would allow our minds to wander back some 50 years and view this "Land of Promise", which under the name of the "Last Best West", was made available for settlement in 1907, under the Dominion Homestead act.

It is true that the large area adjacent to the present Assiniboia District, had the reputation of being deficient in moisture, and was not highly regarded as being adapted to the growing of grain. Prior to this time it had served as grazing and pasture lands for the rearing of cattle and horses by the early settlers and ranchers.

However, we have since learned that this lack of excessive rainfall has been a means of preserving the productivity of our land. In areas subject to greater amounts of moisture wherein the minerals normally in the soil have been dissolved by the water and through erosion have been washed away, the soil has been left impoverished, and lacking in vitality.

It was to this rich virgin soil that people of all nationalities and occupations were drawn. Their hope was that of establishing homes for themselves and their posterity, by a direct contact with Mother Earth, with no middleman to intercept and divert the profits resulting from their labors.

It must have been with thoughts of such a land as was ours, that the poet had in mind when he wrote the poem captioned by the French title, "The Prairies", meaning a large treeless tract of land. From this we quote in part:

"These are the gardens of the desert, these the unshorn fields, boundless and beautiful, for which the speech of England has no name—"The Prairies." He continues: "The prairie wolf hunts in the meadows, and his fresh-dug den yawns by my path. The gopher mines the ground—still this great solitude is quick with life—myriads of insects, gaudy as the flowers they flutter over, gentle quadrupeds and birds that scarce have known the fear of man are there." Then visualizing the later years, he continues, "In the plains the bison feeds no more, twice twenty leagues beyond the smoke of hunter's camp roams the majestic beast—yet here I meet his ancient footprints stamped beside the pool." Then he ends his poem by saying: "I think I hear the sound of that



Assiniboia Town Council 1957-58

Left to right: Councillor S. K. Asbell; Councillor J. J. Radu; Councillor F. W. Morley; Clerk P. Keith; Mayor H. "Scotty" Wood; Councillor W. L. Harvey; Councillor L. V. Dow; Councillor R. Nicholson.

The mayor and councillors, on behalf of all citizens of the town of Assiniboia, wish to congratulate all who participated in the building of the Pioneer Lodge.

It will stand as a lasting memorial to the sacrifices and labours of our forefathers, whose dreams and visions we now enjoy.

To our honoured senior citizens we say, "May you always find the peace, happiness and contentment which you so richly deserve."

advancing multitude which soon shall fill these deserts . . .
the low of the herds blends with the rustling of the heavy
grain over the dark brown furrows—all at once a fresher
wind sweeps by and breaks my dream and I am in the wild-
erness alone."

Such thoughts come back in memory as we think of this area as it was some 50 years ago, when the trails from North, South, East and West converged and led to the opening up of this territory. The abounding youth and a willingness to work was the outstanding possession of our early settlers. To express the situation in the spirit of the early days of hope, we quote from an early poem as follows:

"To this, our Dominion, in my honest opinion,
Came those from all lands that had given them birth.
There were Welsh, Swedes and Norwegians, French, Irish and
Legions of the best of all countries—The Salt of the Earth.

Everyone had in mind a home here to find,
Though weak in finances, his youth stood him well.
In obstacles mounted his enthusiasm counted,
And urged him push forward each time that he fell."

In this period, the hopeful anticipation of establishing our homes, and the activities in converting the grass growing areas into grain farming, occupied most of the time. The Pioneers spent little time in contemplation as to providing for a time which would inevitably come when they would be less able to contend with Mother Nature in drawing their daily bread from the elements of life which had been providentially stored in the fruitful soil.

Although the long hours of labor were very tiring and at the end of day our energies were at low ebb, nevertheless there was nothing but what a good night's sleep could restore, and by morning, our batteries recharged, we could continue, buoyed up by hope — to reach out toward our goal -- a home, comforts and security for ourselves and our loved ones.

This was truly a young man's country. Rarely was there ever seen a greying head or a balding one. Youth has providentially been endowed with the faculty of being able to face the impossible, and time has proven that this same quality of spirit has in many cases, enabled youth to prove the correctness of the saying that— "It couldn't be done and he did it." It is true also that the buoyancy of youth has brought upon himself the truth of the saying that— "Fools step in where angels fear to tread," yet, all in all, the experiences

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brought upon mankind resultant from his unwise steps, have served as beneficial lessons in the great school of experience through which we are passing.

In speaking of hard work, it is generally admitted by those having a mature mind, that work is a "God-send" to the human race. In fact, the Bible statement of fact cannot be denied that the cursing of the ground and its bringing forth of "thorns and thistles" was "For thy sake." Anyone having experienced a period of enforced idleness has learned the blessedness of being able to occupy his time in useful labor.

How true is the old adage under which many of us were reared, that, "The Devil will find work for idle hands to do." The mind and the hands must be kept occupied. In fact it is true—"Idleness has killed more people than hard work," and the scriptural explanation of the degraded condition of some of the wicked cities of old was based upon the fact that they had a "fullness of bread" and an "abundance of idleness."

Looking back over the years we see much activity and the spending of money for that which is of little benefit to humanity in general, and we question the wisdom of such expenditures. However, if it has served to keep the minds and bodies of men occupied it will not have been in vain. As an example, is it not a fact that in the great mining industries there have been thousands of lives lost, and millions of dollars expended in digging the gold from the mountains and the bowels of the earth? Added to this there is a similar expenditure of life and money in refining the gold and moulding it into ingots and other forms. Then, lest it be stolen it is deemed necessary, at great expense, to again bury it in the ground by constructing burglar and fire-proof storage space over which armed sentries and protective armaments are ever on guard. Reason tells us that the gold was perfectly safe in "them thar hills" where nature placed it, and storage was safer and less costly than in any vault ever made by man.

In a less pronounced way man has dealt with many of the products of the earth—the end in view being the accumulation of gold. Sad to say this "Gold Standard", or the accumulation of wealth, has been prone to be the standard by which we judge the success or otherwise of our fellow men. We are thankful that such will not always be used to classify men, for the Prophet Isaiah tells of the time when man would be recognized as more precious than even the fine gold of Ophir, Isaiah 13:12.

Even as regards man's primitive occupation—that of tilling the soil—we cannot escape the justified accusation that we have been

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guilty of "mining" grain from the land, and we now find ourselves faced with an expensive storage problem. The land, too, has been depleted of its fibrous content which held it anchored, and is left at the mercy of the winds. Following the drought and blowing soil of the "Dirty Thirties", some visitors from Canada travelled south into the United States, and expressed the opinion that even though five or ten miles south of the border, they were still walking on Canadian soil—blown across by the winds. Another in lighter vein, explained the soil-drifting situation by saying that the Lord had created the earth "right side up", and man came along with the plow, turning it upside down and causing it to blow away.

The years of drought bringing with it the drifting soil conditions is vividly depicted in a poem by our Prairie Poetess, Edna Jacques, and is as follows:

A Farmer's Wife (In the drought area of Saskatchewan)

The crops have failed again, the wind and sun
Dried out the stubble first, then one by one
The strips of summerfallow, seared with heat,
Crunched like old fallen leaves, our lovely wheat,
The garden is a dreary blighted waste,
The very air is gritty to my taste.

And now I ask (O Lord, a mother's prayer)
Help me to know these fields so brown and bare
Are not of Thee; that all this stricken land
Is not because of Thine avenging hand,
But ours the fault—we did not farm it right,
And now it answers us with wind and blight.

I don't know how we'll face another year,
Help us some way to know that Thou art near—
The children need so many things, and I—
(I don't count much) but Oh I'd love to buy
A nice blue dress, a soft blue silk that clings,
Oh God forgive me for such trivial things.

I know we'll manage somehow, but today
It is all dark I cannot see my way.
The months loom up with all their snow and cold,
Oh give us something Lord, some faith to hold,
Something that we can count on, look ahead
Above these stricken fields, so brown and dead.

And even as I wait before Thy throne,
New strength flows in and I am not alone,
This hour with Thee has brought me strength and grace
I shall go on with the courage now, to face
Whatever comes. The children will be fed.
Give us each day, Oh God, our daily bread.
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Far be it from us that we discourage the laudable qualities of thrift and the energetic activities among the people. These have made progress possible. Man's achievements along many lines have been wonderful; yet we must admit something is radically lacking in the distribution of the products of the earth, which has resulted in a world order wherein millions of human creatures are forced to exist upon the "crumbs that fall from the rich man's table."

Yet, many countries bear evidence to the fact that the standard of living is so low that countless numbers are slowly starving to death due to the lack of food, while at the same time stockpiles of food are deteriorating in quality, as well as being costly to preserve in storage. When health fails, and when accumulated wealth becomes valueless in exchange for something to eat, the "built-in" qualities of economy and the ability to "take what comes and like it", will go a long way towards alleviating the discomforts and worry which is so common to all who have put their confidence in material riches.

Many people, through no fault of their own, have expended the energies of youth and have bravely fought a losing battle against conditions over which they had not control. The point has been reached where there is serious need that we as a community make provision whereby those of our pioneer generation may retain their independence—yet have an assurance that provision has been made for their future welfare.

With the thought still in mind that the time would come when man would realize that the people themselves would be "more precious than fine gold"—it was deemed the part of wisdom that some of the wealth dug from the earth and now used to protect property, wealth and gold, be utilized in the preservation and protection of the earth's greatest asset—the People. The need was seen to be urgent and the spirit of willingness to help the less fortunate, spread among individuals who were willing to contribute of their time and abilities. The result of the combined efforts of many stand before us today in the form of well constructed and comfortable homes which are available to a generation who have contributed the best of their years in the opening up and establishing of this "Last Best West" section of South Central Saskatchewan.

Now, with appreciation to any and all who helped to make our "Dream Home" come true—not forgetting our reason for gratitude to the One who supplied the ideal weather, making of 1957 a most wonderful year for such a project—let us draw from the records as to the progress of construction, culminating in the early months of 1958.

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The Community Takes Action

And so it came to pass that in the fall of 1954 an effort was put forth by a local organization to have a Senior Citizens Home built in Assiniboia for the Assiniboia area. A questionnaire and literature pertaining to the subject were sent to the many rural municipalities, towns, villages and the Local Improvement District No. 920 which make up the Assiniboia Health Region. They did not get much in the way of results and the subject was dropped; however, the effort was not a failure. Sending all this literature awakened the people to the fact that something along this line was a crying need for the area.

As a result, in the year 1955, when Assiniboia did her part in putting on a celebration for the 50th birthday of the province, the Senior Citizens' Home for this area was a very popular topic of conversation among the many oldtimers still living here, and the many former residents who had returned to pay a visit during the Jubilee period. Many questions were asked as to when this home was to be built and much disappointment displayed when it was learned that the project had been dropped.

We have in the Assiniboia District an organization called the Quarter Century Club made up of men and women who settled on the prairies in the early part of the century. At the annual meeting and banquet of this club held in the Legion Building, Assiniboia, on November 4th, 1955, the question of a Senior Citizens' Home was again taken up. It was recalled that much had been said during the Jubilee celebration on the subject, and many questions were asked that could not be answered by those present. By the way of a motion from the floor, the Board of Directors of the Club were instructed to get busy and gather information on the possibility of having a home built at Assiniboia.

The directors did get busy. They had a few meetings, then appointed a committee of members and some outsiders who were interested.

Those named to the committee were Rev. Wartman, United Church; Father Vachon, Catholic Church; Rev. Christensen, of the Lutheran Church, Alex. Fordyce, Carl Schuweiler, Mr. Upsdell of The Assiniboia Times, T. G. Ross, president; G. A. Payant, vice-president; Walter McMorine, secretary.

The president went to Regina to contact the Department of Welfare. He came back loaded with information and statistics on how to go about organizing the area for the benefit of those concerned. Officials at the Department also gave much encouragement and the offer

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of a speaker at a meeting, if the committee decided to go ahead, as well as information concerning the National Housing Act and the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The committee discovered that a Senior Citizens' Home is just one of many different types of building projects that the "N.H.A." finances. In the case of Pioneer Lodges, they loan up to 70% of the capital cost of a finished project, payable in 40 years with interest $3\frac{3}{4}\%$. The province makes an out-grant of 20 per cent of the capital cost, and a further operation grant of \$40 per year per bed, and sets up enabling legislation whereby rural municipalities, towns and villages of an area can band together to form a company and pay 10% of the capital cost. Publicly owned and operated homes such as the Assiniboia Pioneer Lodge, are new in this province. In the past these homes have been owned and operated either privately or by church or other organizations.

The objective the committee had in mind when they set out to organize the territory was to provide a modern place to live for those Senior Citizens requiring a home in their declining years and at a cost which would be within their ability to pay.

This objective has been very earnestly pursued; and the committee has found a ready acceptance of this great humanitarian cause throughout the entire district.

It was a surprise to the committee, upon survey of the situation, to learn how many elderly folks were living in most unfit places, poorly clad and without some of the most common necessities of comfort.

The area included in the Pioneer Lodge is roughly the same area as the Assiniboia Health Region — an area 90 miles east and west and 72 miles north and south. In this area there are 12 rural municipalities, three towns, one local improvement district, and 16 villages. This area is bounded on the south by the state of Montana and is located about equally on each side of the 106 Meridian W Greenwich. Of interest to some is the fact that it was to this area that the Sioux warrior Sitting Bull led his party after the defeat of Custer. It is the area of Wood Mountain, Willow Bunch, Big Muddy, Jean Louis Legare, all big names in the early days of the white man in the area.

The committee had received and studied the statistical information sent out by the Department of Welfare and were willing to try to get a Senior Citizen Home built in the Assiniboia area. The Department of Welfare was requested to send out two speakers to our meeting as they had promised in earlier talks. We received word that their speaker would be here on January 19, 1956.

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On that day a good crowd was in attendance. Mr. Sturby, speaking on vital statistics, presented a clear picture, touching on many important points to be considered, such as how many Senior Citizens in the different rural municipalities, towns and villages, also the possible share that the different units should pay, and how many guests to plan to have in the proposed home. It was suggested by the Department of Welfare that the Assiniboia project should consist of 48 self-contained units (apartments) and a 48-bed hostel.

Mr. Romer discussed the project from the building aspect, and was very thorough. He had many plans pinned to the wall where all could see, and explained why the building must conform to the standards of construction, set out in the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation regulations. He stressed the fact that any plan the committee would select would have to be passed on by the C.M.H.C.

Discussion was followed by a very interesting question period and the whole meeting was a success.

At the request of Mr. Wartman and Mr. Christensen, the speakers, Mr. Sturby and Mr. Romer, agreed to stay over so that there could be a meeting in the United Church annex in the evening. This meeting was more or less a repetition of that in the afternoon. Afterward, the president urged the speakers to stay over night so they could see the proposed site.

The next morning the president, in company with two other members of the committee, looked over the possible site with Messrs. Sturby and Romer. After this, a meeting was held in the vice-president's home. The men from the department encouraged the committee to start serious work on the project since they felt sure that they would achieve success.

After this meeting the committee got together; and, as the Regional Health Board were meeting, the committee decided to ask them if they would discuss the Senior Citizens' home while they were in session. This organization had tried in the fall of 1954 to organize such a project but some way or other their efforts fell apart, so that they were glad that the scheme was being revived. They invited the members of the committee to speak to them about the new effort of trying to start a Senior Citizens' Home in the south central area. As the president was away on business, some of the other committee members kept this engagement and were very happy with their first efforts at the first organization meeting.

Then we went to a doctors' meeting. Ten or twelve doctors of the area were present. They were more difficult to deal with since

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The committee having sent out a lot of literature to the different councils about the scheme, were invited to speak at some council meetings, others not inviting a speaker were later approached with a view to having a discussion of the project at a council meeting.

A special effort was made to get the dates of council meetings and few if any, were missed. In many cases it took more than one meeting to get the council to agree to come into the scheme. The project was good but it did take some money; and that, of course, is a tough proposition for councillors. Through it all the committee are proud of the way they were received by the people.

Meetings were held afternoons and evenings. In the winter the committee tried to make all visits in daylight because snow does not make very good roads, especially if a little wind is blowing and piling banks high.

The president, vice-president, and secretary made many trips together, but the committee all took part and it was not always the same ones who attended meetings. In fact, there were times when there would be more than one team of speakers attending council meetings. Generally a team was made up of three members: one to open the meeting and give a general idea of the benefit to be derived from having the home; another to give the council vital statistics on area, population, number of aged people, amount council would be expected to pay for its share based on population and assessment, and number of guests Council could expect to send to this home; and one to speak on the possible building plans, referring to plans supplied by the Department of Welfare, showing construction and indicating furniture requirements.

In early spring it looked as though the committee would make a success of the project so application was made to be registered. All legal work was done in a local solicitor's office.

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articles of incorporation were signed May 25, 1956. President T. G. Ross; vice-president, G. A. Payant; secretary, Walter McMorine.

Things were now moving fast and the architect had to be engaged to get out the plans. Three different firms were interviewed and after some discussion it was decided to engage Stock, Ramsey & Associates of Regina.

As enough of the area had now signed up to become a part of this project an invitation was sent to all rural municipalities, towns, villages, and L.I.D. No. 920 to attend an organization meeting to be held in the town hall at Assiniboia on May 18, 1956.

At a very representative meeting, those present adopted the plan of organization recommended by the Department; that is, each council appoint one of its members and one ratepayer at large to represent Council on the over-all board of directors of the company and each council would have these two votes in the affairs of the company. An executive board was appointed for consultation on the day-to-day construction.

In the evening of the same day, a very good dinner was served by the Quarter Century Club ladies in the United Church annex. There was a large attendance of members as well as representatives of the provincial government. The project had been started in the proportions of one bed in the hostel for each self-contained unit. But now the committee were warned that it was possible that after August 1, 1956, the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation would want two self-contained units for each bed in the hostel.

This, of course, spurred the committee on to have all the plans ready by this deadline. The architects had the plans well in hand at one stage, when a change in construction standards made it advisable to get another set of plans.

The committee did keep on driving to meet the deadline, and when word was received that the deadline was to be extended, all members were happy.

The date for calling for tenders was set for October 30, 1956. Six tenders were presented at the conference table of Stock, Ramsey and associates office; since Piggott's was the lowest, the architects recommended that this tender be accepted.

Although the tender was accepted by the board on October 30, 1956, it was not accepted by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corp-

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In early spring 1957, action started with the arrival of carload after carload of building material. Then the real building began and with a large crew and an exceptionally favorable summer the work progressed so fast, that the building neared completion rapidly, and the first guest entered the building on March 19, 1958.

A Dream Realized

It seems but a short time to look back to our younger days when people came into this district from near and far to cast in their lot with others in the work of pioneering. We remember how we pointed our finger to those who were our elders. They were the older generation. Now the younger ones are pointing to us. Let us accept our maturity of age gracefully, realizing that every age through which we pass has its points of special advantage. These we can enjoy, since they are better than those of any other age. Let us look for the bright spots in the period through which we are passing and enjoy them as we travel along. Let it never be said of us that the fire of enthusiasm has gone out in the hearts of those of our age. The hair may have thinned, it may have gone completely, or it may be turning white, but there is much truth in the old adage that, "Just because there is a little snow on the roof, is no evidence that the fire has gone out in the house."

Most assuredly we appreciate youth. May we never be jealous of the carefree attitudes which carry them safely around, and many times through, the hard places in life. From our vantage point of years of experience and our maturity we see the young folks doing things which we know will 'catch up' with them sooner or later. How do we know what the reaction will be? Why! just let us be honest and admit that we did much the same things ourselves, and they 'caught up' with us.

Not one of us as we look back, but will admit that the greatest lessons we have learned in life, and which have helped us most are resultant from the hard places. It was there that we gained a 'toehold' in attaining to greater heights. From the sorrows, the trials, and the disappointments, wherein we were called upon to exert our every effort in climbing over obstacles, we received our greatest help. A

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little poem by an unknown author depicted the truth of the above statement when it said:

"I walked a mile with Pleasure,
She chatted all the way;
But left me none the wiser,
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow,
And never a word said she,
But, oh, the things I learned from her
When Sorrow walked with me."

The Wise Man, Solomon, affirms the truthfulness of this conclusion when he says in Ecclesiastes 7:3, "Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better."

After all, life is not unlike some of our races in modern sport, called "handicap" or "obstacle" races wherein the contestant must bypass or overcome barriers placed along the course. Every impediment or stone we meet in the race of life will do one of two things to us. Either we will allow it to roll upon us and crush us under its weight, or we rise above it and turn what might have been a stumbling block into a stepping stone by which we attain to victory.

In the planning of the homes in the Pioneer Lodge, provision has been made for the entertainment and the useful occupation of its residents, both as to their inside and outside recreation. In the spacious Assembly and Reading rooms individuals may relax in comfort, or they may gather in groups to exchange stories of Olden Days, in which are relived memories of a worthy achievement or some miraculous escape from a prairie-fire which could have been disastrous. Even some of the tall tales of "the big ones that got away", may be brought to life again, with other unforgettable memories which are a part and parcel of our lives.

Too, there may be some outstanding incident wherein a neighbor through illness was unable to seed his land, or perhaps lacked strength to harvest his crop. It was at such times that the true spirit of the community was in evidence, as the neighbors volunteered their labor of love in rendering an unforgettable kindness, which has welded together in the true spirit, the lives of our people. Truly this is the application of a practical Christianity which will yet prevail in breaking down all the barriers set up by all nations and denominations. Such

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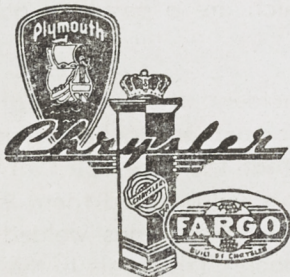
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have engendered divisions and factions among the people and have kept alive an antagonistic spirit in a race who were all "created of one blood" and whose highest ideal is that life, peace and happiness may yet prevail in all Earth's broad Dominions.

For those who may enjoy outdoor activities we are sure that there will be provision made whereby the old games of past days will be made available in the nature of horseshoe contests, croquet, and other of the less strenuous body conditioners. Then again those who may derive enjoyment from growing flowers, or other fruits of the soil, by gardening, will have ample space provided in well prepared soil, and be able to vie with one another as to who is able to produce the tallest sunflower stalk, the broadest peony or dahlia flower, the heaviest potato, or the largest pumpkin.

The human race is so constituted that having lived in one locality and under certain conditions most of their lives, they find it hard to bring themselves to the point where they relish or approve of the thought of being transplanted to new environments. This is common to all, and is an admirable quality. It is well that we love our own homes best, for it is there that we must spend the greater portion of our time. A young sapling is easily dug up and transplanted while it is harder to move a full grown tree, and expect it to take root and grow. The purpose of such accommodation as provided by the Pioneer Lodge is to make available comforts and pleasant surroundings as will assist those who find it necessary to make adjustments in their manner of life.

May we impress the fact that those eligible as residents of the Pioneer Lodge, have much in common. They have all reached a maturity of mind, and since their ages do not vary greatly, we know that many pages from their notebooks of life's experiences will be compared, enjoyed, and relived, thus adding interest to the daily life. Too, we can well imagine that many championships in respect to the playing of such games as crokinole, chess, checkers, etc., will be decided right here upon these premises.

It is true that individuals in such a housing project, will find it necessary to mingle with others with varying convictions, and some of them may be just as determined as ourselves in having their own way. Each one must learn to yield in some measure to the rights of others as we strive to adapt ourselves to our new environment, and bring to ourselves and others the mutual blessings and happiness made possible by thus associating.

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In facing this period of adjustment we have reason to be thankful for experiences throughout the past years which have shown us that no one is perfect, and that all have their faults and failings—even as ourselves. If in any capacity we think of ourselves as superior to others, let us ask ourselves the question, "what hast thou that thou didst not receive?" Again may we keep in mind that any virtue or ability that was given to us, as a birthday present, was given, not to be selfishly used in taking advantage of our fellowmen, but for the blessing of those less fortunate than ourselves.

One thing that stands out in the minds of our older people is the fact of our own helplessness in the attaining of things for which we have striven. We must admit that a power higher and greater than our own, is in control and we will some day look back and thank God for the hard places through which we have passed. That the people in general are beginning to realize that the great Creator of the Universe is still in charge is evident by the popularity of a modern song entitled, "He's got the whole wide world in his hands."

The Prophet Jeremiah expresses the situation very nicely when he refers to the human race and God's interest in, and responsibility towards, His creatures. He says in Jer. 18:6, "Behold as the clay is in the hands of the potter, so are ye in my hands." Man will yet be led to see that his position in life is that he remain pliable and submissive in the hands of the great Potter, who will bring to a successful issue that which He has begun—the subjugation of all things unto Himself and the long promised blessings to "all the families of the earth."

And now, in bringing this article to a close, the Board of Management and all who have in any way helped to make possible the Pioneer Lodge at Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, extend a welcome to all those who are now established in their new homes, and to those who may yet become resident citizens in this—the home of the Pioneers. May the facilities provided allow you to rest in the security of your new home and enable you to enjoy each passing day. As the poet has expressed it, "Grow old along with me, the best it yet to be—the last of life for which the first was made."

Our wish for you, one and all, is summed up in the words of "Tiny Tim" in the old Scrooge story, when he says:

"God Bless us every one."

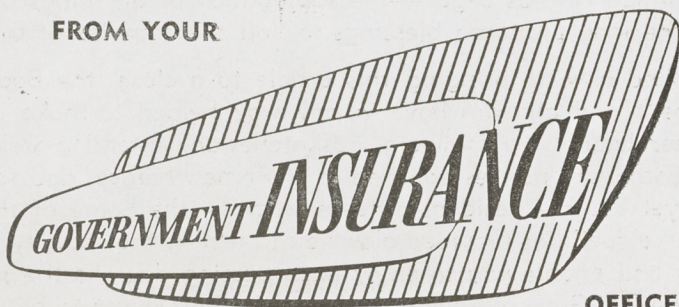
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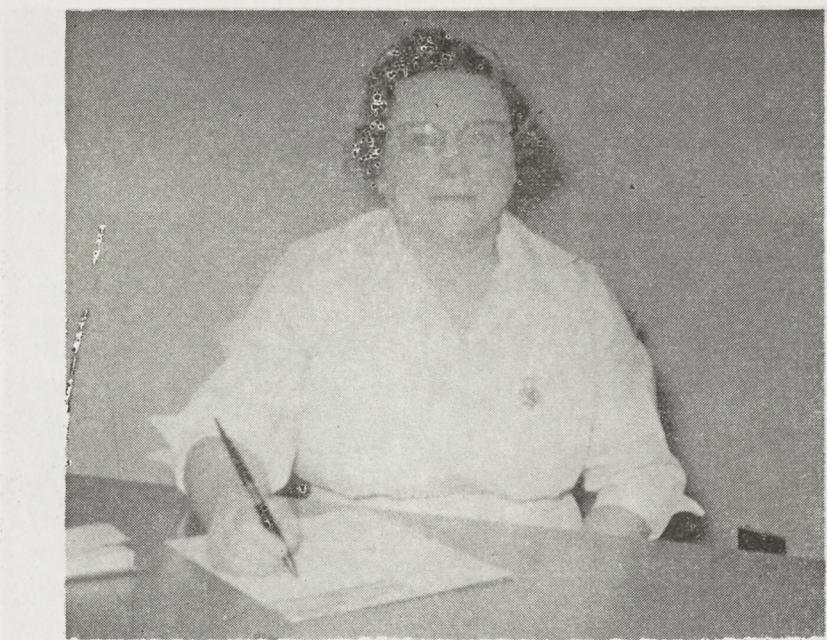
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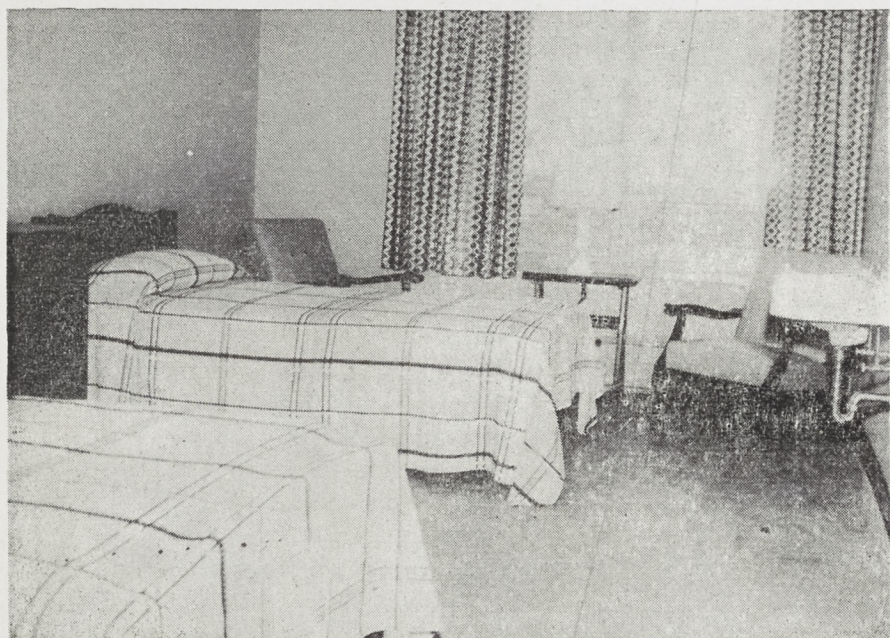
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General View of the Main Building



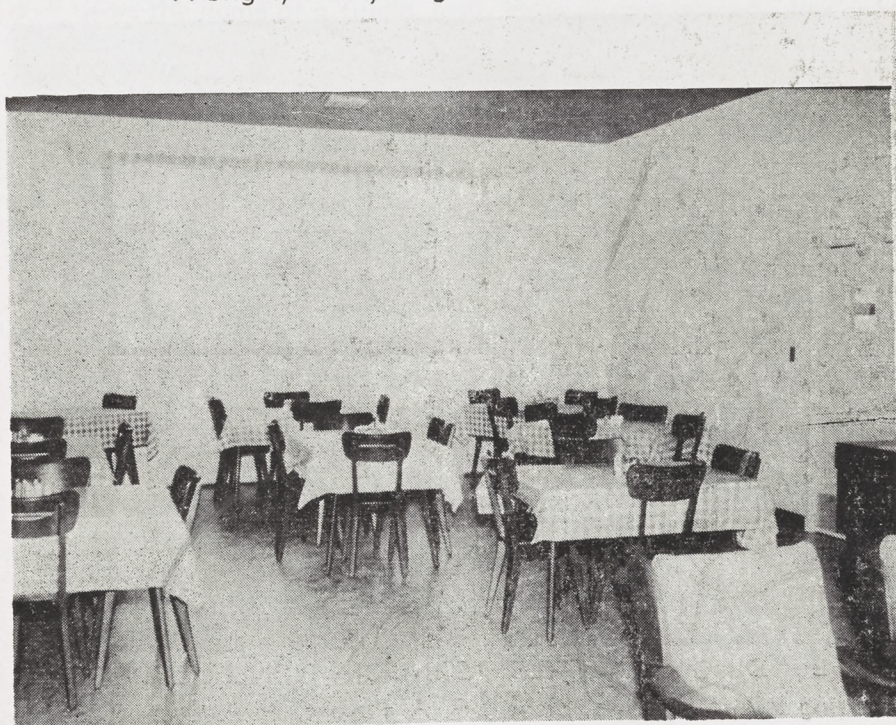
A view of the main lounge



A typical double room in the Hostel



A bright, cheery single room in the Hostel



Dining Room in the Hostel



Duplex housing units of the Pioneer Lodge.



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A Tour of Pioneer Lodge

Overlooking the Town of Assiniboia stands an impressive village of very modern little cottages and a beautiful main building of gold Saskatchewan brick. This is Assiniboia and district's Pioneer Lodge, where some of the senior citizens of the district make their home.

At the present time the lawns have just been seeded and trees have been planted in just the right places, but one using his imagination, can see in the near future broad green lawns shaded with trees. One can also see that the well-lit avenues will afford ample parking space for the friends of our Pioneers when they visit.

On entering the hostel you find yourself in the main lounge furnished in comfortable leather chesterfields and chairs and a huge brick fireplace. On the fireplace is a plaque signifying that this room was furnished by the Assiniboia Elks Lodge. Holding the point of interest in this room is a television set which provides many hours of entertainment for the residents. There is also a piano for those who wish to make their own entertainment.

As one proceeds along the wide corridors we note that each room door bears the name of a friend, club, lodge or company who has contributed the furnishings. From the lounge we proceed to the recreation room where cards and other games can be played. A large combination radio-phonograph dominates one corner of this room and in the other corner in an alcove is a library of many books.

Near the registration room is the dining area neatly laid out with rows of tables covered with fresh blue and white cloths. The spacious kitchen just off the dining area is a housewife's dream, with shiny, ultra-modern equipment, a propane stove, a three tub dishwashing outfit, a gleaming refrigerator, roomy cupboards and a large working area, all scrupulously clean.

Downstairs in the huge basement is the laundry room with its up-to-the-minute equipment, a commercial sized washing machine, twin automatic driers, an electric extractor and an electric mangle. In this laundry room all the hostel residents' laundry is taken care of. Adjoining is the large food storage of non frozen foods, everything in place and priced, as one will see in a downtown food store.

Then there is the furnace room, containing the last word in a large automatic bunker fuel burning, hot water heating plant, with the large hot water supply tank from which hot water is forced to all the rooms. There is plenty of storage space down here, too.

Upstairs again on the main floor are the bedrooms, all beautifully

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decorated in pastel colors with matching draw drapes covering the huge windows. In the double rooms are twin beds with matching twin dressers, armchairs, end tables and ample closet space. The single rooms are the same except that they have single beds, single dressers and an armchair. All the beds are covered with homespun spreads, matching the drapes. The bathrooms are conveniently located, one for every four persons, while each room has a privately built-in lavatory and toilet.

All of the guests I saw in the homey atmosphere of this lodge were relaxed, enjoying TV, playing cards or just visiting.

Forming a crescent around the main building are the rows of duplex cottages, all identical in shape but distinctive in finish and color. Centrally located in each of the cottages are the heating unit and hot water heaters, adequate for the needs of the occupants. Each cottage consists of a large front room, modern kitchen, a large bedroom, a beautiful bathroom and storage room. All of the rooms are well lit by huge windows and are decorated in beautiful pastel shades with no two suites being the same. The kitchens are equipped with the very latest refrigerators, four burner electric stoves, gleaming white with bath, toilet and hand basin. In the bedroom is a huge clothes porcelain sinks and steel cupboards. The bathrooms are fully modern closet, a spacious linen closet and off from the bedroom is the storage room. There is also a clothes closet in the front room. The people already resident in these suites have their own furniture.

For the folks who enjoy gardening, whether it's vegetables or flowers they grow, there is the opportunity to continue with their hobby. Garden space is available to them in the area behind the cottages.

Outside entertainment is also available with the Little League baseball diamond directly across the street, enabling the oldtimers to get out and root for their favorites among the youngsters. Near at hand is the swimming pool and in the near future when the Kinsmen park is completed this will add much to the enjoyment of those living at Pioneer Lodge. Once the new skating rink is in operation winter entertainment will also be near at hand.

The guests I met at the Lodge seem very content, and well they might be, as these units certainly make living a lot easier, and a lot more comfortable and should add many more years of useful living to them.

The organizers of this endeavor can be justly proud. In building this fine memorial to our beloved pioneers, they have built a future for the residents now in the lodge and for those who will live there in the years to come.

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This Association was organized in the year 1937. Objective of the Association is to promote good fellowship and citizenship by renewing acquaintances and extending greetings.

At the annual meeting of the Association held November 4, 1955 the idea of providing a home for the older citizens of the district was discussed, and a committee was appointed to canvass the whole district in the hope that this proposal of an older citizens' home might become a reality.

This project has been completed and the residents of the district are now looking forward to the official opening on June 27th.

The Quarter Century Association take much satisfaction from the fact it has been able to play a small part in this achievement.

Please remember the senior citizens in your wills.

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We regret that space will not allow us to list all donors here in this book. However, a scroll is now being prepared to be permanently hung in the main lounge at the Pioneer Lodge. On it, the names of every donor, large or small, will be listed so that in years to come, our future generations will be reminded that we too planned with foresight.

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Remember Pioneer Lodge in your will

We invite you to our services:

Sunday 10 a.m.—Sunday School

11 a.m.—Divine Worship

See The ASSINIBOIA TIMES for other announcements

Municipal Bodies

The following is a list of towns, villages, hamlets and rural municipalities whose residents support the Pioneer Lodge.

Town of Assiniboia — Incorporated October 1st, 1913.

Mayor, P. L. Higgins; Secretary-treasurer, J. R. Nolan.

Councillors: John Butler, W. E. Campbell, Jas. Fitzgerald, T. G. Ross, Harry Shaw, D. R. McIntosh.

Present Council: Henry Wood, Mayor; Pat Keith, Sec.-treas.; F. W. Morley, R. Nicholson, Sam K. Asbell, W. L. Harvey, J. J. Radu and L. V. Dow.

R.M. of Lake of the Rivers — Incorporated January 1st, 1912.

Reeve, J. A. Ludlow; secretary-treasurer, R. B. McMorine.

Councillors: W. W. Craig, F. Clark, W. S. Patterson, J. T. Creighton, George Gunn, J. A. McDonald.

Present Council: B. C. Padfield, reeve; Chas. Lindsay, sec.-treas.; W. Lucas, H. Rhodes, A. Bergeson, H. Corman, M. Fender, H. Emery.

R.M. of Stonehenge — Incorporated January 1st, 1912.

Reeve, W. Seal; secretary-treasurer, E. A. Craddock.

Councillors: A. Maxwell, I. Oliver, D. Cojocar, K. Henderson, A. Karst, W. Carefoot.

Present Council: Reeve, Archie Freeston; sec.-treas., George Darragh; G. N. Adamach, A. Engel, A. Frid, T. Oancia, C. Schuweiler, G. H. Young.

R.M. of Excel — Incorporated January 1st, 1913.

Reeve, T. G. Weal; secretary-treasurer, James A. Carr.

Council: W. F. Jordan, W. Smith, Ed. Olson, W. Cook, H. Devlin, G. Lockhart.

Present Council: Reeve, J. S. Weal; sec.-treas., R. H. Sargent; A. Rain dahl, Geo. Bakke, R. S. Ford, S. Ional, Mel. Ford, G. W. Spicer.

Village of Viceroy — Incorporated April 1st, 1912.

Overseer, T. G. Ross. Councillors: E. R. White, Geo. Pearson. T. E. Bayley, secretary.

Present Council: W. C. Irwin, C. Whitby, S. Parankawich. Secretary treasurer, R. H. Sargent.

Village of Fife Lake — Incorporated March 7th, 1928.

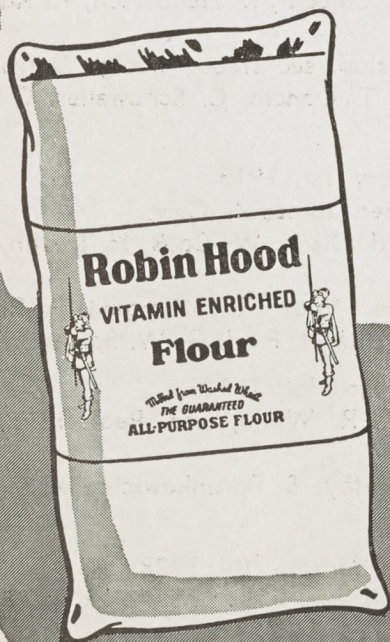
Overseer, T. W. Henry; C. W. Tindall, sec.-treas.; M. Parks, W. Bennett.

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Present Council: Reeve, William Robb; C. E. Wright, sec.-treas.; Harry Wood, Fred Buch, W. R. Robinson, Otto Wschke, Chas. Erd, Martin Moloney.

Village of Horizon — Incorporated January 7th, 1918.

Councillors: J. E. Harley, F. J. Wagner. Overseer, F. Geig.

Present Council: M. D. Bigler, B. B. Scott, A. Unterreiner. Margaret C. Bigler, secretary-treasurer.

R.M. of Willow Bunch — Incorporated January 1st, 1912.

Reeve T. Bonneau; A. P. Beausoleil, secretary-treasurer; O. A. Hainstock, H. Lowman, A. Dauphinas, P. Kabrud, J. Lapoint, A. Lalonde.

Present Council: L. J. Bourdages, Reeve; Leo. Sylvestre, sec.-treas.; H. J. Porter, G. Duperreault, C. A. Schnor, W. Miller, O. Lesperance, H. Boutin.

Village of Limerick — Incorporated January 1st, 1913.

Overseer, S. L. Stanlake; C. M. Wilson, sec.-treas.; B. J. Patterson; Chas. Wilson.

Present Council: Overseer, J. M. Skarbon; Geo. Darragh, sec.-treas.; G. Bushell, A. Engel.

Village of Ardill — Incorporated January 1st, 1921.

Overseer, W. J. Cowley; J. M. Turner, sec.-treas.; J. Inman, F. Irvine

Present Council: Overseer, W. J. Cowley, D. M. McNamee, sec.-treas.; E. Shemansky, E. C. Anderson.

Village of Expanse — Incorporated January 1st, 1913.

Overseer, A. S. McDonald; A. R. Urquhart, sec.-treas.; J. D. McMillan, McDowell.

Disorganized Dec. 31, 1934. Last council: D. R. Shepherdson, secretary; A. E. Crosby, W. N. Christenson, Geo. Astell.

Village of Mitchellton — Incorporated January 1st, 1920.

Overseer, A. L. Nosen; secretary, F. J. Shanks; Wm. McCutcheon, F. L. Mitchell.

Disorganized Dec. 31st, 1938. Overseer, W. C. Carnie; sec.-treas., Mrs. A. B. Carnie; R. Drabinsky, Mrs. C. P. Erickson.

Village of Mossbank — Incorporated January 1st, 1916.

W. M. McLean, Overseer; Lester Johnston, sec.; S. H. Ager, A. W. Beverage.

Present Council: D. J. Anderson, Overseer; Mrs. F. E. Magee, sec.-treas.; G. A. Willits, J. H. Beckett.

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Councillors: Math. Salthammer, Chas. Hill, Herman Fenske, R. G. Jolly, G. R. Kyle.

Present Council: Reeve Vic. Frost; sec.-treas., A. E. Crosby; A. Helland, Doug. Thompson, Frank Binner, W. J. Balfour, J. S. Bratton, J. J. Fedyk.

Village of Willow Bunch — Incorporated January 1st, 1930.

Overseer E. Lebel; H. A. Balthazar, Dr. H. Kerr, R. Skinner.

Present Council: Overseer, W. Benoit; Mrs. Y. Dosch, sec.-treas.; Phil Blais, G. Dupperrault.

Village of Mazenod — Incorporated June 22, 1917.

George Ford, Overseer; John C. Hill, secretary.

Present Council: N. Waslenko, Overseer; C. E. Wright, sec.-treas.

Village of Palmer — Incorporated May 12th, 1920.

George T. Yates, Overseer; W. J. Mahoney, sec.-treas.

Present Council: E. A. W. Morse, Overseer; C. Fox, sec.-treas.

Town of Lafleche — Incorporated as a village Sept. 13th, 1913.

Thos. Murphy, Overseer; Henry Riginbal, sec.-treas.

Incorporated as a Town, June 1st, 1953.

Present Council: Mayor, J. B. Hooker; Walter Baran, sec.-treas. Geo. Phaneuf, M. J. Verbeke, J. H. Davidson, Geo. Hicks, G. R. Hutchinson, Frank Poliquin.

Village of Bateman — Incorporated March 14th, 1921.

W. R. Bedford, Overseer; J. S. Walker, Secretary.

Present council: L. D. Cotte, Overseer; Robert Beach, sec.-treas.; N. Ausin, Henry Frank.

R.M. of Pinto Creek — Incorporated January 1st, 1913.

First Council: D. H. Anderson, Reeve; Geo. Pumroy, sec.-treas.

Present council: Reeve, W. H. Cross; sec.-treas., E. K. Johnson; J. Thomas, M. Condie, F. Switzer, M. Wilson, G. W. Anderson, C. Ross.

Village of Kincaid — Incorporated July 19th, 1913.

First Overseer, Wm. Maxwell; G. W. Pumroy, sec.-treas.

Present council: H. Schwab, Overseer; M. Rodger, sec.-treas.; G. Simington, H. Sumner.

Village of Mankota — Incorporated February 3, 1941.

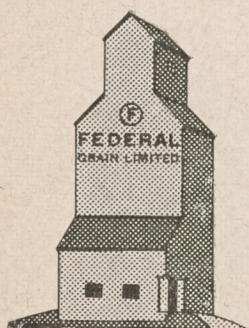
First Overseer, J. E. McNabb; sec.-treas., E. L. Grouper.

Present Council: A. E. Passant, Overseer; M. A. Herbach, sec.-treas.; Jack Williams, Jensen.

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Village of Vantage — Incorporated June 23rd, 1917.

Overseer, G. O. Burgstul; J. M. Bright, sec.-treas.

Disorganized 1951. Last council: M. Fishman, N. J. Greiner, H. Inman.

Village of Hazenmore — Incorporated October, 1913.

First Council: David McCabe, Overseer; Thomas Webster, sec.-treas.; Peter Sweeney.

Present Council: Edward Schaffer, Overseer; Dennis Brown, Kenneth Lovely, Richard Blake, sec.-treas. ;

R.M. of Waverley — Incorporated January 1st, 1912.

George Hollanbach, Reeve; G. B. Wray, sec.-treas.

Present council: Reeve E. C. Wray; N. J. Sawasy, sec.-treas.

B. M. Anderson, A. Raes, M. Huska, D. Donnison, W. Devrome, H. J. Kuffner.

R.M. of Mankota — Incorporated January 1st, 1913.

Secretary-treasurer, R. H. Stinson.

Present council: Reeve R. A. Thomson; sec.-treas., G. W. McIvor; J. Wilson, B. A. Hanson, G. Barker, E. G. Hamilton, C. Fournier, P. G. Zerr.

R.M. of Wood River — Incorporated December, 1912.

Reeve, A. W. Linnell; A. S. Parrish, sec.-treas.; John Ellis, F. A. O'Neal, A. Cunningham, C. Desmairs, A. W. Sabins, E. G. Wood.

Present council: Reeve, A. J. Sewall; D. M. Johnston, sec.-treas.; J. Packet, M. S. Tallon; R. C. Rusk, A. Brieie, D. B. Hooker, B. Waldbauer.

Village of Wood Mountain — Incorporated March 4th, 1930.

Overseer, S. A. Westergard; J. C. McAdam, sec.-treas.; J. Bailey, J. J. Radu.

Present council: Overseer, J. S. Moneo; Robert Shields, William Fay, J. Soparlo, sec.-treas.

Town of Rockglen — Incorporated Village, Jan. 1st, 1927.

Overseer, J. A. Templeton; Gene Riley, sec.-treas.; R. J. Starrett, John Bremner.

Incorproated town, Jan. 1st, 1957.

Mayor, L. J. Bolster; R. H. Newhouse, clerk; F. V. Switallo, W. S. Roberts, J. J. Kampf, H. J. Moore, K. Knutson, T. Jackson.

R.M of Hart Butte — Incorporated January 1st, 1913.

Reeve L. J. White; secretary-treasurer, G. E. Pemton.

Present Council: Reeve, J. E. McPeek; sec.-treas., E. A. Winter; F. Warken, J. M. McBurney, W. Wagner, E. Larson, L. C. Petreman, C. Johnson.

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Present council: J. W. Shaw, Reeve; L. Kimball, sec.-treas.; Charles Gellner, Otto Karst, E. G. Schafer, Chas. Acott, J. J. Pilsner.

Village of Woodrow — Incorporated December 8th, 1913.

Overseer, J. G. Stevens; Adam Stewart, secretary-treasurer.

Present council: Overseer, A. Coissant; H. F. Crooks, sec.-treas.; Cyril Baldwin, Emil Lautermilch.

Village of Glentworth — Incorporated July 12th, 1945.

W. C. Philp, Overseer; E. B. Linnell, sec.-treas.

Present council: O. E. Kuffner, N. C. Philp, sec.-treas.; Roy Nelson.

L.I.D. Nos. 13-14-15 and 43 were proclaimed January 1st, 1946—
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Some Questions About Policy

What is Assiniboia Pioneer Lodge? It is a low-cost housing project for our senior citizens who are 60 years or over with low incomes. Infirm, blind, aged, and handicapped will be accepted as long as they can get about and take care of their personal needs. Assiniboia Pioneer Lodge is not a nursing home, however, and nursing care will be limited. It is intended to have a Registered Nurse on the staff to take care of emergencies.

What accommodation is provided? There are two types of accommodation. First, there is the main building, called the hostel, which will provide board, room and laundry for the guests who live therein. Secondly, there are suites built in the form of duplex cottages. There are 24 cottages with two suites in each cottage. These suites are for the use of couples who will provide their own board, housekeeping and laundry.

Who owns and controls Assiniboia Pioneer Lodge? It is a housing project, owned and operated by 12 rural municipalities, one local improvement district, 16 villages and three towns. These municipal units have bought shares in the company. Each unit sends two representatives to the Board, which decides policy and supervises all operations of the Lodge.

What staff is required? Present plans call for a matron, who will have charge of the required staff and oversee the working of the Lodge.

Who is entitled to become a guest? Applicants must be at least 60 years of age, with a monthly income of at least \$50. Blind, feeble, and handicapped will be entitled to special consideration as long as they do not require nursing care.

Can applicants from outside the district enter the Lodge? This will depend on available room. If there is room, such applicants may be accepted at an additional fee per month over that charged to residents of our district.

Does a guest have to sign a permanent lease, or sign over his property? No, a guest does not assign his property and may leave at any time with one month's notice.

Is a deposit necessary? Yes, a deposit of \$25 is required. This deposit will be returned. If the guest should leave the Lodge and has no bill owing.

How is the Lodge financed? After the Lodge is completed and operating it will be financed by fees paid by guests and an operating grant paid by the Provincial Government on a bed basis. The Lodge will be operated at cost.

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Guests are expected to bring all clothing required and may bring a radio. If applicants wish to bring more they must make arrangements with the matron. For those renting a suite, conditions are different. Each suite has an electric stove, refrigerator, ample cabinet space and sink. But no furniture is supplied with the suites. Therefore, any couple entering a suite must bring their own furniture.

Where are application forms available? Application forms are available at the office of the rural municipality, village or town in which the applicant resides. In case of doubt, write the Secretary, Assiniboia Pioneer Lodge, Assiniboia, for information or application forms.

Is there any inspection of the operation of the Lodge? Yes, the Board will supervise operations of the Lodge. The Social Welfare Department of Sask. will also make regular inspections of the Lodge.

Will special meals be prepared for guests requiring special diets? Unless such special diets are out of reason, every effort will be made to comply with them. As a matter of fact, several guests are receiving special care in this regard at the present time.

Will guests be required to work around the Lodge? Guests are not required to work around the Lodge but are encouraged to assist the Lodge in every way possible, by keeping their rooms tidy and by lending a hand wherever possible. As the Lodge is operated at cost such help will be reflected in the fees which the guests pay.

What is the policy for visitors and visiting? Visitors and visiting are encouraged with generous visiting hours. The lounge offers plenty of room for visiting and entertainment. Rooms are large enough for a limited number of visitors.

Can a guest leave the Lodge for a few days or a couple of weeks? Yes, a guest may leave the lodge for a few days or longer by arrangement with the matron.

How about storage space and garden space? There is a fair amount of storage space, but guests are asked not to bring too much baggage. There is a large garden and any guest may have a garden plot free of charge.

What pay do the board members get? They get no pay, not even mileage.

Can guests seek employment? Yes, they are encouraged to do so.

For further information consult the secretary of any R.M., Town or Village in Assiniboia Pioneer Lodge District, or write to Assiniboia Pioneer Lodge, Assiniboia.

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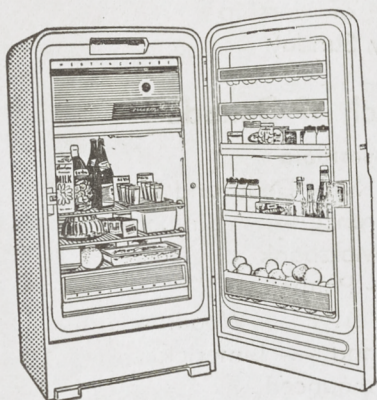
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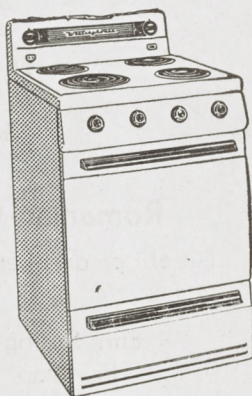
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